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TAGS: GATT ETRD AS JA

SUBJECT: AUSTRALIAN COMPLAINT OF JAPANESE MEAT EMBARGO

1. DURING OCTOBER 21 SESSION GATT COUNCIL AUSTRALIA LAUNCHED (UNDER "OTHER BUSINESS") STIFF COMPLAINT OVER JAPANESE EMBARGO OF BEEF AND VEAL. AUSTRALIA (TEESE) SAID UNLIKE EC AND CANADA, JAPAN HAS NOT NOTIFIED GATT OR OFFERED TO CONSULT; THIS SURPRISING SINCE SALES TO JAPAN HAVE BEEN UNDER QUOTA ALREADY. SAID JAPAN'S NTB NOTIFICATION OF 1970 SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN AS NOT ACCURATE, SINCE RESTRICTION HAS BECOME VIRTUAL EMBARGO AND NOT QUOTA AS ADVERTISED. SAID WHILE JAPAN HAS DISCUSSED WORLD BEEF PROBLEMS, THIS WAS NOT CONSULTATION; CALLED UPON JAPAN TO TELL COUNCIL WHAT IT PLANS TO DO. NEW ZEALAND UNCLASSIFIED

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2. JAPAN SAID THEY INFORMED MAJOR EXPORTING COUNTRIES ABOUT DETAILS. SINCE OIL CRISIS, JAPAN UNDERGOING "SEVERE ECONOMIC CONDITIONS"; MEAT CONSUMPTION HAS DECLINED RADICALLY; CURRENT SITUATION NOT CONFINED TO JAPAN ALTHOUGH IN EACH COUNTRY REASONS FOR DECLINE AND RESTRICTIONS NOT THE SAME. JAPAN SAID THEY WORKING ON PRICE/CONSUMPTION MEASURES SO IMPORTS CAN BE LOOSENERED. SAID NO CHANGE IN GATT NOTIFICATION NEEDED, AS THERE NO CHANGE IN IMPORT SYSTEM; WORLD SOLUTION NEEDED.

3. AUSTRALIA RESERVED RIGHT TO RAISE MATTER AGAIN IN COUNCIL OR IN BROAD VIEW OF JAPAN'S RESIDUAL RESTRICTIONS. NIGERIA ASKED CONSIDERATION FOR LDC INTERESTS, THEN SAID JAPANESE SHOULD INCREASE PRODUCTIVITY BY EATING MORE MEAT. ABRAMS

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